EXAMPLE 7

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

November 18, 1993

Mr. Paul Bairston
Tyson Foods, Inc.
Dept. CF 321
P.O. Box 2020
Springdale, AR 72765-2020

Subject: Gerald Smith Farm

Dear Mr. Bairston:

This responds to your letter of November 9, 1993 regarding information on sensitive species with regard to the following:

Project: Expanded Swine Growing Operation

Location: Sections 26 and 27, T4N, R8E, Hughes County

Based upon our current records, we have no information that threatened or endangered species occur at the proposed site; however, please note that this Department has not conducted a field survey of this specific location. We do have records for one federal candidate species, the Alligator Snapping turtle, at sites downstream from these two sections. Our primary concern in this case is the potential impact run-off water from the swine operation may have on water quality and the downstream aquatic community in Sandy and Muddy Boggy Creeks. Problems of this nature can be avoided through the construction of a dike or berm around the facility to contain and direct run-off water into an adequate-sized retention pond(s).

For additional information on sensitive species, we recommend that you contact the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory, 2001 Friendly Avenue, Building 606, Norman, Oklahoma 73019. For information on federally listed threatened or endangered species, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 222 South Houston, Suite A, Tulsa, OK 74127.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact our Natural Resources Section at 405/521-4616.

Sincerely,

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